

PROJECT TITLE: Reduction of sport diving impacts, Malpelo Island, Colombia

GOAL: to establish a technical norm for reducing impacts produced by sport divers visiting Malpelo Island Sanctuary

OBJECTIVES: In next the five years, 95% of the divers that visit the area, do not cause alterations to the landscape and some of their specific components

RESOURCES:

Human resources

- Volunteer park rangers
- National Natural Park functionaries
- Civil employees
- Investigators
- Dive guide operators
- Multidisciplinary technical team

Logistical resources

- Enforcement cruises/patrols
- Scientific investigation cruises
- Pursuit actions in the area
- Cartographic, visual and bibliographical information
- Workshop events, awareness building and agreement meetings
- Infrastructure for prevention of impacts
- SCUBA and field gear

Economic Resources

\$200,000 USD

ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUT

- To design and implement criteria and indicators to evaluate ecotourism impact
- To design and start up a system of monitoring with strategic participation of stakeholders
- To stakeholders a tourism plan for the area
- To socialize the tourism plan to other stakeholders

- To produce and socialize a code of good conduct of tourism practice
- To regulate all the stakeholders to the public use zones in the area.
- To fit the existing norms on public use
- To make day events of awareness building to sport divers, operators and dive guides

SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES

- Tourism plan
- Code of conduct produced
- Criteria and indicators for impact evaluation
- Respected norm to fit public use
- 50% of the divers attending awareness building talks

MID-TERM OUTCOMES

- Monitoring system on ecotourism operators impact
- Code of conduct published and tourist operators informed
- 100% of the divers attending awareness building talks
- Less than 10% damage by the diving groups (touching coral, harassing and taking of megafauna)

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

- Damaging events reduced to less than 5% by the diving groups (touching coral, harassing/taking megafauna)
- Less than 5% of damage done by breaking corals
- Adjusted system of criteria and indicators
- Code of conduct
- Tourism plan redesigned and updated